



**SUCCESS Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 22nd, 2026**

Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 5:00p.m.

Board members present: Megen Ralphs, Chuck Taylor, Michael Lacourse, Dr. Bill Heyborne, Jodi Porter, Cheri Stevenson. Dave Eberhard. Others present Principal Colin Metzger , Gavin Hawkley , Ester Pugmire, Michelle Lindquist and Tammy Griffiths.

Jodi Porter conducted the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

April 13, 2026 Minutes Michael Lacourse moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 Minutes. Bill Heyborne seconded the motion. The Board Approved.

April 20, 2026 Minutes: Chuck Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of the April 20th meeting. Dave Eberhard seconded the motion the Board approved.

Public Input: Josh Carver public statement:

- Asked if the public would have access to the SPED Audit
- Asked when does SUCCESS follow the Iron County School District school policies?
- Mentioned an Incident reported to the Principal about his student and has not received any follow up.

-Stated SUCCESS Academy Board of Trustees meeting agenda not being posted in time.

Jodi Porter mentioned that public questions cannot be addressed in board meetings but could follow-up by contacting him by email.

SUCCESS Academy Board of Trustees meeting agenda not being posted in time.

Jodi Porter will address public input questions by contacting her by email.

Action and Informational Items Director Colin Metzger

Introduction of new UT Tech Principal Derek Schwitzer.

Proposed School Calendar for the 2026-2027 year to follow the Washington County School District and Iron County School District.

Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for 2026-2027 year.

Director Colin Metzger presented information on online classes. Proposing to add a position to track online students and mentor them. There would be one person to support both campuses under the direction of the school principals. Mr. Metzger is still evaluating the full needs, but so far this is likely the direction he will recommend. More to come after further analysis.

Megen Ralphs motioned to approve the ICSD & the WCSD calendars for 2026-2027 year. Cheri Stevenson seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Megen Ralphs motioned to adopt the SUCCESS Academy Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. Michael Lacourse seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Director Colin Metzger presented for approval the Final FY26 Budget and Revenue Expenditures. The Budget and Revenue is on track. Proposed 2026-2027 Budget. The budget will be approved at the next Board meeting

Michael Lacourse motion to approve the final FY26 Budget and Revenue Expenditures. Megen seconded the motion. The Board approved.

FY 2026 Budget update- Tracking real well still. Most funds spent are on classroom construction.

Bryce Day, PhD Senior Special Educational Consultant from the GYST Compliance and Investigation LLC presented the [SPED AUDIT findings.](#)

Director Metzger reported that the school fees audit has been submitted to the State and is waiting to hear back the results.

Concurrent Fees for next year will be approximately \$62,000 for CE classes.

School fees will need to be formalized.

School fees waiver will cover the student fees.

SUCCESS Academy Fees needs to have two readings so it will be voted on at the next Board meeting Monday, Jun 29, 2026 .

Chuck Taylor motioned to authorize Colin to begin discussion with ISCD and WCSD about the possibility to come under contract to support SPED at SUCCESS Academy. Megen Ralphs seconded the motion.

Jodi Porter called for a discussion.

Megen commented that the recommendations are solid and it was a good report, Megen commented that in reference to the motion we need to make sure that ICSD and WCSD are willing to support us. She recommended giving the Executive Director permission to look into these

recommendations and the board can vote on the recommendations at our next meeting.

Michael Lacourse asked for the Executive Director to develop an implementation plan, cost and challenges before it is adopted. He indicated the report was solid.

Chuck Taylor amended the motion to include a full implementation plan that can be reviewed as a board from the Director Colin Metzger. Megen Ralphs seconded the amendment.

Jodi Porter called for a discussion.

Jodi commented that she wanted to know about the capabilities and cost before the approval.

Bill Heyborne asked about the level of expenditures from the report for more clarification to seek counsel from the USBE.

Cheri asked to give Colin time to talk with the USBE and the school districts for the viability of the recommendations.

Bill Heyborne amended the amendment to state follow up with ICSD and WCSD and make sure it is viable and the cost, and also recommended an implementation plan and a timeline Colin would do this and report back to the Board. Megen seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Jodi Porter called for a vote on the amended motion. The Board approved the amended motion.

The motion is approved to have Colin come back with an implementation plan of all the recommendations and feasibility of the recommendations.

School counseling approval and data projects.

Michelle Lindquist presented the data project for the UT Tech Campus.

ACT Prep Program-Measuring the impact of targeted preparation on student outcomes. Students have prep during lunch hours and in between classes. The average composite score of the prep group was 25.5. Average composite no prep was 22.8. Recommended next steps: Expand outreach, Extend the timeline, Deepen reading instruction, Track long-term outcomes

Esther Pugmire presented the Accountability and Data Project for the SUU Campus.

The goal was to Increase 70% of the students who received individual tutoring who would either maintain or improve their grade in targeted courses by the end of Quarter 4, 78% of students met their goal.

SUU SUCCESS will continue to improve and recruit qualified tutors to assist students who struggle academically.

Michael Lacourse motioned to approve the Counseling Data Project for SUU campus and the UT Tech Campus. Dave Eberhard seconded the motion the Board approved.

Bill Heyborne motioned to approve the 26-27 proposed budget and fees before the end of the fiscal year and anything else that needs to be discussed at the next board meeting Jun 29, 2026 . Michael Lacourse seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Megen Ralphs motioned to move into executive session to discuss the character or competence of personnel employed by SUCCESS Academy and pending or reasonably imminent litigation. This meeting is being held at SUU SUCCESS as well as Google meet.

Chuck Taylor seconded the motion. By roll call vote.

Jodi Porter-yes

Cheri Stevenson-yes

Michael Lacourse-yes

Bill Heyborne-yes

Chuck Taylor-yes

Dave Eberhard-yes

Megen Ralphs-yes

Michael Lacourse made the motion to come out of closed session. The Board approved.

There was no action items

Chuck Taylor motioned to adjourn.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held June 29, 2026, 5pm. At the SUU Multipurpose Bldg. Room 205, Cedar City Utah. This meeting will also be broadcasted to the UTU Atwood Innovations Plaza conference room.